



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 6, 2010
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif, Chair
Donna White
Jason Poitras
Gregory Berthiaume
Colleen Shapiro- absent

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Stephen Flaherty – absent

Guests

Richard Murphy, Steve Bicchieri
John Londa

* Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

* Chairman's Report

* Review and Approve Minutes

- September 1, 2010 regular session minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
- September 1, 2010 executive session minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
- September 8, 2010 regular session minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.

* Review and Approve Warrants – None.

* Superintendent's Report

- Overview of FLLAC and FLLAC Program at THMS – Superintendent Calmes introduced Richard Murphy and Steve Bicchieri from the FLLAC Collaborative. Dr. Murphy had a power point presentation, and the committee and audience were provided with a handout of the slides. Dr. Murphy reviewed the mission of the Collaborative and listed the towns involved in the collaborative. He then gave an overview of the FLLAC programs that are provided and the locations of those programs. They also offer many specialized services including assisted technology, teachers for visually impaired, behavior analyst, mobility expert, in-home ABA program OT, COTA, PT, and PTA. A cooperative purchasing program is also available. This year the FLLAC Cooperative piloted special education transportation and kept it small; they will look to expand next year. They also provide a lot of professional development – mostly special education but some ABA and ELL. Mr. Bicchieri joined Dr. Murphy at the podium. There was discussion around the metrics that FLLAC uses to measure success, including MCAS, MCAS-Alt, end results, students returning to the their home school, and parent surveys. Superintendent Calmes expressed her appreciation to Dr. Murphy for his leadership at the FLLAC Collaborative. Mr. Bicchieri talked about the two FLLAC classrooms currently housed at the Turkey Hill Middle School. There are currently 11

students in those two classrooms. Dr. Murphy thanked the committee and welcomed them to visit any of their classrooms whenever they like.

- Superintendent Calmes thanked the PTO for another successful Town Fair, which was held last Sunday.
- Nature's Classroom is this week; we had a very high participation rate.
- The anti-bullying plan is still in progress. The Health Advisory Committee met and is working on this issue.
- Open Houses have been successful.
- The RFP for Race to the Top grants have been released. Lunenburg will receive \$92,004 in total over four years. The first year proposal will be presented for approval at the next school committee meeting. It will be ready to review prior to the meeting.
- Our reorganization continues to move along with the retirement of Louise Parent and the hiring of Kerry Cooper, who will be starting on October 18.
- Dan Magazu, reporter from the Sentinel who covers the school committee meetings, is moving on to Framingham State University to work in their public relations department. Congratulations to Dan.

* Public Comment – None.

* New Business

- a. Mass Math & Science Initiative AP Grant – Mr. Barney requested permission to apply for this grant, which could be up to \$180,000 over three years. The grant targets grades 6-12, and it provides professional development and training for teachers, materials (some would need to be matched), training over the summertime in the AP courses and professional development during the course of the year, training lead teachers. The goal for the first year would be to double our enrollment in advanced placement classes, increasing participation in English, science and math AP programs and increasing college success. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to approve submission of the grant proposal. There was discussion around how this grant will help us get to the goal of increasing the number of students in AP classes. The grant also covers half the cost of AP exams. Vote: unanimous.
- b. FY12 Proposed Facilities Budget – Mr. Londa addressed the committee. He reviewed the cost savings efforts put in place this year. These include a reduction in the cost of electricity through a decrease in usage and conservation measures such as limiting the availability of the use of schools after school hours, changes to in-school lighting, and changes to parking lot lighting and field lights. Mr. Londa highlighted the five major aspects of the budget compared to FY11 – capital improvements (teacher chairs, folding chairs, replacement curtain for TCP gym); fire safety; maintenance of building supply/building contract due to new/increased fees; electricity; and telephone system. There was discussion around the drivers behind the increase in the maintenance of building supply and building contract line.
- c. FY12 Proposed Superintendent's Office Budget – Superintendent Calmes reviewed the proposed FY12 Superintendent's office budget, which includes an increase in the legal line; transportation remaining stable; and health insurance increasing to 75/25.

* Old Business

- a. Calendar Alignment---Independent vs. Regionalization – Dr. Berthiaume stated that we still have not heard from the MSBA. The Regional Planning Board does not have a meeting scheduled at this time. The School Committee will discuss the five-year projection at its December 4 meeting.

* Public Comment – None.

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL – Dr. Berthiaume stated that PACSAL is no longer able to have its own checking account.
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson’s Advisory – Mr. Poitras will continue being the School Committee representative to Representative Benson’s Advisory Committee.
- l. Other – Ms. Laserte is leading the anti-bullying initiative with the Health Advisory Committee.

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

* Executive Session – At 8:24 p.m. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss strategies related to collective bargaining, not to return to regular session. Vote: unanimous

Roll Call

Dr. Reif – yes

Mr. Poitras – yes

Ms. White – yes

Dr. Berthiaume – yes

* Adjournment – At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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